

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:17-cv-02031-ABJ**

CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY v. NATIONAL  
OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION, et al  
Assigned to: Judge Amy Berman Jackson  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 10/03/2017  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
10/03/2017	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5141927) filed by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons, # <u>5</u> Summons)(Crystal, Howard) (Entered: 10/03/2017)
10/03/2017		Case Assigned to Judge Amy Berman Jackson. (sth) (Entered: 10/03/2017)
10/03/2017	<u>2</u>	REQUEST FOR SUMMONS TO ISSUE <i>CORRECTED Summons</i> filed by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY.(Crystal, Howard) (Entered: 10/03/2017)
10/03/2017	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(sth) (Entered: 10/03/2017)
10/17/2017	<u>4</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Damon William Taaffe on behalf of All Defendants (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 10/17/2017)
11/08/2017	<u>5</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION.(Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 11/08/2017)
11/09/2017		MINUTE ORDER. Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. The requirements of Local Civil Rule 16.3 and Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure appear to be inapplicable. Defendant shall file a dispositive motion or, in the alternative, a report setting forth the schedule for the completion of its production of documents to plaintiff, on or before December 8, 2017. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 11/09/2017. (lcabj3) (Entered: 11/09/2017)
12/08/2017	<u>6</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>Status Report</i> by DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 12/08/2017)
12/08/2017		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>6</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File. Defendants shall file a dispositive motion or, in the alternative, a report setting forth the schedule for the completion of its production of documents to plaintiff, on or before December 22, 2017. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 12/8/2017. (lcabj2) (Entered: 12/08/2017)
12/21/2017	<u>7</u>	STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION. (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 12/21/2017)
12/21/2017		MINUTE ORDER. In light of <u>7</u> defendant's status report, it is ORDERED that defendant must make its first production to plaintiff by March 30, 2018, and must file a status report on April 6, 2018. Defendant is ORDERED to make its next production to plaintiff by June 29, 2018, and to file a status report on July 6, 2018. Defendant is ORDERED to make its next production to plaintiff by September 28, 2018, and to file a status report on October 8, 2018. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 12/21/2017. (lcabj2) (Entered: 12/21/2017)
04/03/2018	<u>8</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Sherri L. Morgan on behalf of DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION (Morgan, Sherri) (Entered: 04/03/2018)

04/06/2018	<u>9</u>	STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION. (Morgan, Sherri) (Entered: 04/06/2018)
07/06/2018	<u>10</u>	STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION. (Morgan, Sherri) (Entered: 07/06/2018)
07/06/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Defendants are ORDERED to make their next production to plaintiff by September 28, 2018, and to file a status report on October 8, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 7/6/2018. (lcabj2) (Entered: 07/06/2018)
10/09/2018	<u>11</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Daniel Patrick Schaefer on behalf of All Defendants Substituting for attorney Sherri L. Morgan (Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 10/09/2018)
10/09/2018	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 10/09/2018)
10/09/2018		MINUTE ORDER. The parties must file another joint status report by November 9, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 10/9/2018. (lcabj2) (Entered: 10/09/2018)
11/09/2018	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 11/09/2018)
11/14/2018		MINUTE ORDER. The parties must file another joint status report by December 12, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 11/14/2018. (lcabj2) (Entered: 11/14/2018)
12/12/2018	<u>14</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Crystal, Howard) (Entered: 12/12/2018)